

PARTY CALL SOUNDS LOUD TO DEMOCRATS GATHERED IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS

Several Instances Noted of Late Where Public Men Who Have Displayed Bitter Partisanship Have Been Openly Rewarded; Congressman Mondell Produces Evidence of Stockman's Profit.

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By EDGAR C. SNYDER. Washington, March 30.—(Special).—Two or three weeks ago I took occasion to speak of the partisanship of congress and the administration as demonstrated by the organization and procedure in the two branches of the national legislature and by partisan presidential appointments, notwithstanding the clarion cry that had gone forth that there must be no partisanship whatsoever in order that the war might be won and the world made safe for democracy.

CASE OF MR. STONE. A leading democratic congressman conversing on the subject said: "Well, that is just to keep the organization going." That remark prompts a review of a few significant events of recent happening. Looking over the session beginning in December and scanning the Congressional Record republicans are shown to have been steadfastly aiding constructive legislation with partisanship left out. This course did not suit the leading democrats. The words went around quietly that the republicans should be driven into an attitude of not supporting the government in its time of peril. They figured that republicans were not too proud to fight politically. So the chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the senate, Senator William Joel Stone, was selected on the 21st day of February to fire the 75-mile democratic gun.

EMERGES FROM CLOUD. As a feeler, it was said with some circumstantiality, that he had not the sanction of either the senate or the president. He made a most vitriolic partisan speech. It was remarked at the time that the White House in no wise rebuked him, but since that time he has emerged from the cloud he has been under and is now basking in the sunlight of executive favor. So much for the senate. Over in the house, Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, on day slipped through a request by way of extension of remarks, a rabid partisan editorial by Ex-Governor Glynn of New York, who, by the way, presided over the last democratic convention at St. Louis, the burden of whose speech was, "Wilson kept us out of war." Right here and now I assert that no more narrow, perbald, and prejudicial article ever crept into the Congressional Record than the Glynn editorial from the governor's own paper the "Times-Union" of Albany.

Scater Propaganda. Some democrats shook their heads in disapproval. But a republican member said, "Wait and see what's going to happen." Well, something did happen. A few days after Congressman Doremus of Michigan, chairman of the national democratic congressional committee, resigned and Ferris of Oklahoma, was elected in his place; meanwhile the Glynn article, under the Ferris frank, is being circulated all over the United States free. Members and republicans generally began to sit up and take notice. The senate had uncovered, the house had unmasked, but the public had been waiting for the executive. It came with more radical partisanship than spoke the senate, through Stone, or the house through Scott Ferris.

Look at Wisconsin. There was a vacancy in Wisconsin. It had been said that the president had advised democrats to vote for Senator Knute Nelson, in Minnesota, where of course a democrat would have no show anyhow. The public was divided. Some thought the president was going to be non-partisan. Others said that he only intended to let the "Dutch capture Holland." Wisconsin was also republicans in a way. But it was so badly mixed that a democrat stood a show of election. Democrats said the president could not support a LaFollette republican. So the loyal republicans came together from all parts of the state and finally agreed upon Lenroot, an able and strong loyalist and a staunch supporter of the president. Lenroot beat the LaFollette candidate. He received more votes than both democratic candidates, while Berger, the senator who received an amazing vote, was Davies, who never had legislative experience, or developed any capacity for statesmanship, who had been in no position of responsibility to record himself on an issue before or after the declaration of war, withdrawn? No. But before the result was known as to who would be the republican candidate, the president endorsed Davies in a most astonishing letter as having stood the acid test of loyalty on the McMomore resolution, on the embargo and the armed neutrality measures. These were mentioned, of course, to exclude Lenroot, who had talked and voted as many as 75 per cent of the American people believed. As one congressman expressed it, the president had done what Edmund Burke said could not be done, "indict a whole people."

Just Partisanship. Washington understands that when the president refuses even to remain neutral when such a strong supporter of his war policy is Lenroot is a candidate, that it means that no matter how weak the democratic candidate may be, or how defective his record, he will endorse him against any republican, however, able or loyal. This strong partisan blast from the president's bugle, issued as it were with the opening measure of Hindenburg's guns, when Americans should be getting together, makes a rude awakening for many who thought there was little partisanship at Washington. Were it not for this, there would be great fear and trembling in Nebraska. If democrats were excluded on the same grounds as was Lenroot, viz the McMomore resolution, embargo, etc., then would be sent to the political scrap-heap Senator Hitchcock, ex-Secretary Bryan, Richard Lee Metcalfe, Congressman Lobeck, Shalzenberger and Stephens. Whether any members of the legislature who voted for a great many previous reso-

He declared he could make a good profit in raising grain and feed on his big ranch, much more than in any other way, but if every cowman disposed of his stock and raised grain and feed for sale, there would be no market for the products they could raise. "The necessity is, therefore, to keep cattle and feed products well balanced to insure the stability of both," he said.

Calling attention to the fact that the packers had been guaranteed a profit of 9 per cent, Mr. Jenkins said the cowmen of the range country would be more than satisfied with such a guarantee in their business. He pointed out that the packer, guaranteed 9 per cent, worked in absolutely known conditions, while the producer must contend against uncertain and shifting conditions throughout three or four years.

Modernized Holy Week. Holy week in Washington is modernized, like everything else. It has grown to be grand opera week, rather than a week of penitence, prayer and self-denial. The week opened with a benefit performance of "Aida" for the Red Cross District chapter, for which the French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand and the British ambassador and the Countess of Reading had boxes, but did not occupy them. The news from the front changed the atmosphere of every social affair, from Saturday afternoon. The houses for the opera have, however, been great ones, for it is the only grand opera Washington gets during the season.

The tri-color ball on Saturday evening for the benefit of the American fund for French wounded suffered greatly as to numbers, but not as to funds, for boxes and tickets all were sold and paid for before the tragic news of the mammoth battle was received. In consequence of it, the president and Mrs. Wilson, the French and British ambassadors and their wives, who had taken boxes, and all the members of the cabinet and their wives, who had promised to be present, changed their plans, with the exception of Mrs. Newton D. Baker, who represented her circle. She wore a lovely pink velvet gown and must have heard that her husband had arrived safely in London or she would not have danced gaily.

"MEATLESS DAY" SUSPENDED FOR MONTH BY HOOVER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 30.—Suspension of the meatless day regulations for 30 days beginning tomorrow was ordered tonight by the food administration in instructions telegraphed to all state food administrators.

Temporary relaxation of the restrictions was decided upon because thousands of hogs now coming into the market has increased the meat supply beyond the country's shipping and storage capacity. In a statement announcing the order, Food Administrator Hoover expressed confidence that the producers would not take advantage of the "holiday" to ask more than fair prices and that the packers and retailers will have sense enough to realize that this is not to be a holiday of high prices.

"The very much over-normal run to markets of logs due to supplies held back during the winter months' car shortage, still continues," Mr. Hoover said, "and seems likely to go on for another 30 days. After this period the seasonal shortage in marketing will set in." "It is a matter of regret that the extent of our domestic storage capacity, the limited overseas and inland transportation, and port facilities do not permit of saving and moving the whole of this temporary and abnormal surplus to the allies for use when this heavy killing season has passed. On the other hand the larger and cheaper supplies of potatoes and the larger supplies of milk, together with these further relaxed restrictions on meat so that some portion is available each day should facilitate the enlarged saving of breadstuffs of which we are so much deficient in allied need.

"The consumer should not take this announcement as in any way a departure from the general principles of conservation of all foods which the food administration preaches. The need of food on the other side is greater than ever—the need of economy in America greater than ever."

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FOE PAYS DEARLY FOR SMALL GAINS ON SCARPE RIVER

French Meet Furious Assaults Near Moreuil; British Gunners, Cut Off, Do Deadly Execution.

Paris, March 30.—French troops supported by reserves are offering resistance to powerful assaults of the enemy, the war office announces.

The battle, which was resumed with renewed violence during the night, is progressing on a front of 40 kilometers (about 25 miles), from Moreuil to beyond Lassigny.

Enormous German Losses. British Army Headquarters in France, March 30.—The German attempt to force the British back along the Scarpe and capture Arras cost them an enormous price in casualties, although they used 10 divisions. North of the river, the British held to their positions and wavered but slightly before the enemy onslaught. South of the river, however, the British retired slightly between Fampoux and Boisieux.

There was hard fighting on both sides of the Scarpe. To the north the most desperate conflict was staged about Rouex, which was the scene of sanguinary struggles last year.

Force British Withdrawal. The Germans succeeded in forcing the British to withdraw from this place. North of Gavrelle the enemy tried to push the British back on Bailluel, but were repulsed by withering machine gun fire. South of the river the most bitter fighting was about Telegraph hill, which changed hands several times.

Below Somme British artillery has been doing marvelous work in getting the heavy guns back during the withdrawal. One battery of heavies was cut off and lost for three days. Although often surrounded, the men worked their way out to the British lines with all the guns.

On high ground near Albert there are five machine gunners who are cut off, 600 yards in front of their own

infantry, but who still are causing great execution among the Germans. Tanks also have been doing a small but important work. They have been traveling in pairs, stemming the advance and taking prisoners.

The sector of the long battle front lying south of the River Somme continued today to be the crucial zone of conflict. The Germans, following up their small gains of yesterday in their northward drive toward Amiens, were pressing the attack vigorously.

They were meeting with the most obstinate resistance on state that there had been little or no change in the situation since last night, despite the hard fighting on the extreme north. The enemy has desisted for the moment from their assault against Arras, but there are indications that they are only waiting for fresh troops before renewing their drive.

Great Battle on French Front in Favor of Allies

(Continued From Page One.) too great strength, and were too well protected to be forced to abandon the effort after a hard struggle, during which 25 Germans were taken prisoners in hand-to-hand fighting. The loss of these positions does not alter the situation materially and the British hold on the Luce valley is considered satisfactory.

Show Great Strength. One British division marched from 9 o'clock one evening until 4 o'clock the next afternoon and then hung itself into the battle line, where it fought and killed and dug in until its position was assured. Then these soldiers threw themselves down where they stood and slept with their heads pillowed upon their haversacks. There are other instances even more spectacular which may not be mentioned, but it is unnecessary to amplify, as America already knows the temper of its British allies and knows that the British will take a lot of beating before they will give in.

Yesterday strong patrols in the Arras sector penetrated the British outposts north of Arleux and forced the posts to withdraw after a brief but intense fight. This appeared to be the only change in the lines before Arras. Saved Through Strategy. A spectacular British maneuver at Rouex, after its capture by the Germans on Thursday, became known today. When the place was enveloped

the body of defending troops was cut off and clung tenaciously to the village in the face of bitter punishment. Under cover of darkness on Thursday night these gallant men were successfully withdrawn through a gap formed in the German lines.

The fact that the Germans, according to the report, are entrenching along the Thierval-La-Boiselle line is pointed to as a tribute to the magnificent defense which the British maintained at this important gateway to the west.

There has been another display of the British determination in this quarter. The correspondent knows of one large body of troops who dug themselves in along the vital sector in question, and announced that whatever happened to the rest of the British line they were going to stick until they were either victorious, or the last man was dead. They are still sticking, and from their past achievements it is safe to say they will continue to stick.

Cy Williams Quits Game; Contract Not to Liking

Fred (Cy) Williams, traded by the Chicago Cubs to the Phillies for Dode Paskert, has pulled the regular stuff. He has written President Baker that he has retired from base ball. The "retirement" is caused by a contract that did not contain the figures to suit Cy.

Former Omaha Girl Killed by German Shell Fire in France

Miss Marion G. Crandall, who according to press dispatches, was killed by German shell fire while in the "French soldiers' fireside" at the French front, was formerly an Omaha girl.

Miss Crandall was the daughter of George T. Crandall, who died in California several years ago. During his residence in Omaha he was a traveling auditor for the Union Pacific. His daughter, Miss Marion, who was 46 years old at the time of her death, began working for the Union Pacific August 1, 1890, as a clerk in the company's motive power department. January 31, 1891, she was transferred to the office of auditor of disbursements, remaining until 1900.

During Miss Crandall's employment with the Union Pacific she studied French and became a thorough

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Out of Danger Zone Today, But Included in Germany's Plan of World Domination.

London, March 30.—Latin-America's vital interest in Germany's plan of aggrandizement and attempt to crush all world democracies is pointed out in messages addressed to the people of all the South American republics by Viscount Bryce, former ambassador to the United States, and Viscount Northcliffe.

"This war," says Lord Bryce, "is unlike any other the world has seen. It is a war of principle; a war waged for liberty against military tyranny; a war to save mankind from being enslaved by one ambitious and aggressive power, whose military chiefs have proclaimed that they mean to dominate Europe first and then the western hemisphere."

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